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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
PLANNING, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Jim Martinez, Chief Administrative Officer
Patricia D. Adauto, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Laura Uribarri, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Adrian Ocegueda, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

FROM: Chuck Kooshian, Urban Planner,
Long Range and Neighborhood Planning Division

SUBJECT: Council Agenda Item (Ordinance)
Introduction: June 15, 2004
Public Hearing: June 29, 2004

DATE: June 9, 2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 PROPOSED THOROUGHFARE SYSTEM AS DETAILED IN THE MAP ATLAS OF THE PLAN FOR EL PASO AND ITS RELATED DOCUMENTS AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY THE EL PASO CITY COUNCIL IN 1999, AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, TO DELETE GOMEZ RD AND THE EXTENSION OF REDD ROAD ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE. (District 1)

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C: George Sarmiento, Director; Rudy Valdez, Chief Urban Planner; Fred Lopez, Urban Planner; Esther Guerrero, Planning Technician; Lisa A. Elizondo, City Attorney; Terry Cullen-Garney, Deputy City Attorney; Matt Watson, Assistant City Attorney

City Plan Commission Backup
June 3, 2004
Gomez/Redd Road Major Thoroughfare Plan Amendment

Background:

Gomez Road is a two lane existing roadway in the upper valley that extends approximately one mile in an East-West direction from the Lower West Drain to Upper Valley Road where it dead ends. The existing road has a 22 foot paved cross section. There are approximately 30 residences along this portion. The City of El Paso also intends to construct a two lane extension of Gomez Rd east of Upper Valley Rd to the new park near the Rio Grande. Gomez Road is designated as a 110' major arterial on the Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP).

Redd Rd extends west from I-10 as a four lane divided arterial. West of Doniphan it narrows to a four lane undivided arterial and then to a two lane road just before Montoya Drive, where it ends. The MTP shows Redd Rd extending west of Montoya, crossing the Rio Grande, and curving northward to connect to Gomez Rd. The distance between Montoya Drive and Upper Valley Road is about one mile. Redd Rd and the proposed extension are designated as a major arterial on the MTP. The one mile extension is shown in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Metropolitan Transportation Plan as an \$11 million project needing Federal funding before the year 2015.

Request:

The Department was instructed by City Council to examine the planned designation of Gomez Road as a major arterial and the proposed extension of Redd Road as a major arterial and make recommendations for amendment if needed. The Save the Valley civic organization has requested removal of the designation and extension from the MTP.

Analysis:

The department has studied the projected land uses that might be expected in the Upper Valley area as a result of the amendment to *The Plan for El Paso* land use map approved Jan 13th, 2004. The potential changes were incorporated in the travel demand model to obtain projected traffic volumes for the year 2030. The projections indicate that if the Gomez/Redd Road connection is not constructed, the volumes on Artcraft Road and Country Club Road would be higher, resulting in increased congestion. The projected volumes on Gomez Rd were not so high as to require a major arterial, however.

Recommendation: The City Plan Commission recommended to delete Gomez Road and the extension of Redd Road from the MTP. The DCC recommended to retain them, with the following amendments: delete the portion of Gomez Road west of Westside Drive, downgrade Gomez Road from major arterial to collector arterial between Westside and Upper Valley and downgrade from major arterial to minor arterial between Upper Valley and Redd Road.

Timeline for Gomez/Redd Rd MTP Amendment:

Thoroughfare Review Team	Mar 5, 2004
Development Coordinating Committee	Mar 24, 2004
City Plan Commission	Jun 3, 2004
City Council Introduction	Jun 15, 2004
City Council Hearing	Jun 29, 2004

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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WHEREAS, *The Plan for El Paso* was formally adopted by the City Council on April 27, 1999, pursuant to the provisions of Section 213.002 of the Texas Local Government Code as the Comprehensive Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan serves as a general guide for the future growth and development of the City to promote public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, its adoption was based on the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee following numerous public meetings and working sessions; and

WHEREAS, a well planned transportation system is a key element for improving the quality of life, by balancing neighborhood concerns with provision of access for commerce and mobility for personal travel; and

WHEREAS, the Development Coordinating Committee ("DCC") has recommended a change to the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map contained within *The Plan for El Paso* to provide the most beneficial relationship between the uses of land and circulation of traffic throughout the City, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation of the DCC was submitted to the City Plan Commission for its review, and the City Plan Commission has recommended the adoption of the change to the Year 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System map as herein enumerated; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the adoption of *The Plan for El Paso* and its changes to the thoroughfare alignments as herein enumerated will have no negative impact upon the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the 2025 Proposed Thoroughfare System, as detailed in the Map Atlas of *The Plan for El Paso*, is herein amended as described below and as more particularly shown in the attached and incorporated Exhibit "A".

**Northwest Planning Area.
Representative District 1**

- Amend the Major Thoroughfare Plan to delete Gomez Road and the extension of Redd Road from the MTP.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of **JUNE, 2004.**


THE CITY OF EL PASO

Joe Wardy
Mayor

ATTEST:

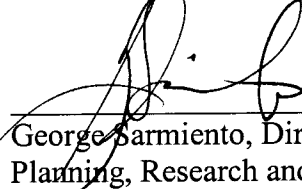
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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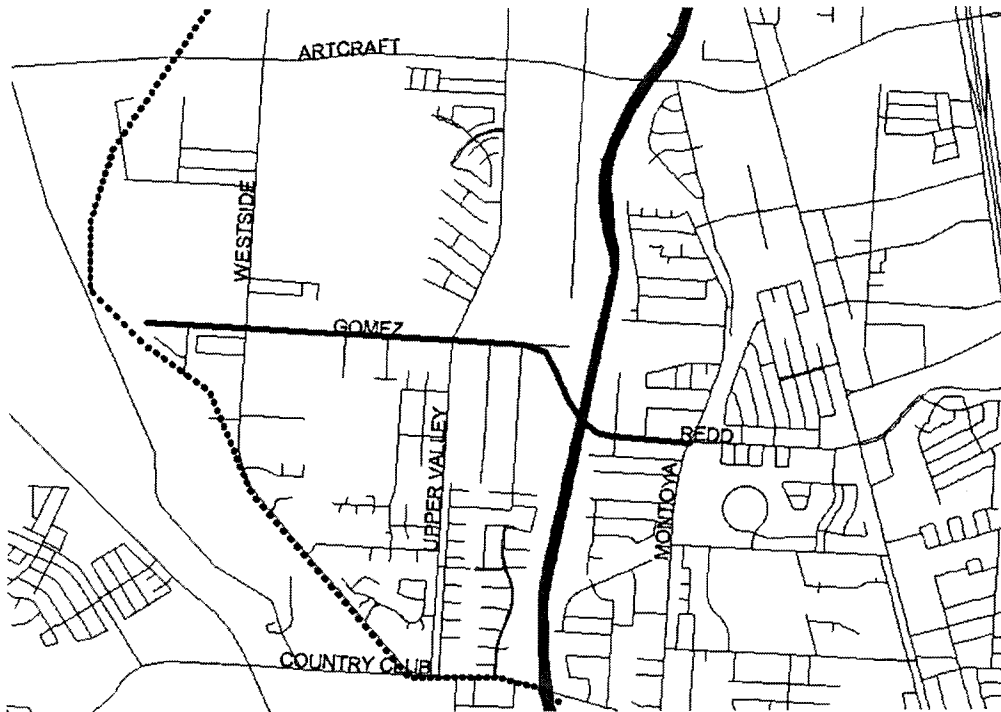
APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



George Sarmiento, Director
Planning, Research and Development

Exhibit A

Current Major Thoroughfare Plan



CPC Recommendation

